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**Rocky Thinks  
CIA Did Spy  
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Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller said yesterday that the Central Intelligence Agency probably did engage in illegal domestic surveillance and that his commission would find out who authorized it and why.

"We're going to get the facts and get them out to the public," he told reporters as he left a CBS studio where he had appeared on his first nationwide television interview show since becoming vice president.

Rockefeller was friendly and jovial with reporters who buttonholed him in the studio lobby after he had appeared on "Face the Nation."

But during the show he became angered when a reporter asked if he would "finger" anyone since "you had some sort of a connection with the CIA yourself, and so did Secretary of State Kissinger to whom you gave a \$50,000 gift to."

Henry Kissinger, as head of the National Security Council, has close dealings with the CIA, and Rockefeller was a member of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board that oversees it.

The vice president, visibly angered, snapped:

"In your question, you question my integrity, if you'll excuse me for saying so. I took an oath of office. When I take an oath, I carry out that oath."

Rockefeller said the special commission he heads, to investigate the CIA, must first determine if there was domestic spying, and added "I think we are going to find the answer is yes."

"What we want to do is (find out) who were they, how extensive and who authorized it. And was this a direct presidential or attorney general order and what were the reasons for it."

He said the problem was

"not too difficult, and I think we'll do a good job."

The vice president said the commission did not need subpoena power or White House tapes from the Nixon administration to make a thorough investigation.

He said the commission has had "no problem whatsoever in getting people to come and getting people to talk."

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allegedly began in the late 1950s under former President Eisenhower and continued through the Nixon administration.

Rockefeller voiced concern that Senate and House CIA investigations might jeopardize security by leaking covert operations not involved with domestic sur-

veillance. "This is really a most interesting and difficult problem. Can a large body with a big staff cope with these things? This is going to be the challenge to Congress."

Rockefeller was asked if he would support the use of force against oil-producing nations if they cut off supplies to the West.

He replied that the United Nations Charter "says that nations with collective security agreements have the right to take effective action prior to National Security Council action. Now strangulation would be economic warfare and therefore, to avoid death — which is what comes from strangulation — any nation would have the right to take action to protect itself."

Rockefeller's reference to the U.N. Charter mentioned the "National Security Council," but he apparently meant the U.N. Security Council.

"I don't think it's going to happen. I think cooperation is going to be the word. I think it's totally hypothetical and blown way out of proportion and meaning."

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